

# Rickly House

Herrick Archives Number 001

## A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

### 1. Name

1.1 Building was never officially named by Board of Trustees.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

1.2.1 President's House

1.2.2 Possibly Strickler House (built by Strickler).

1.2.3 President's Residence

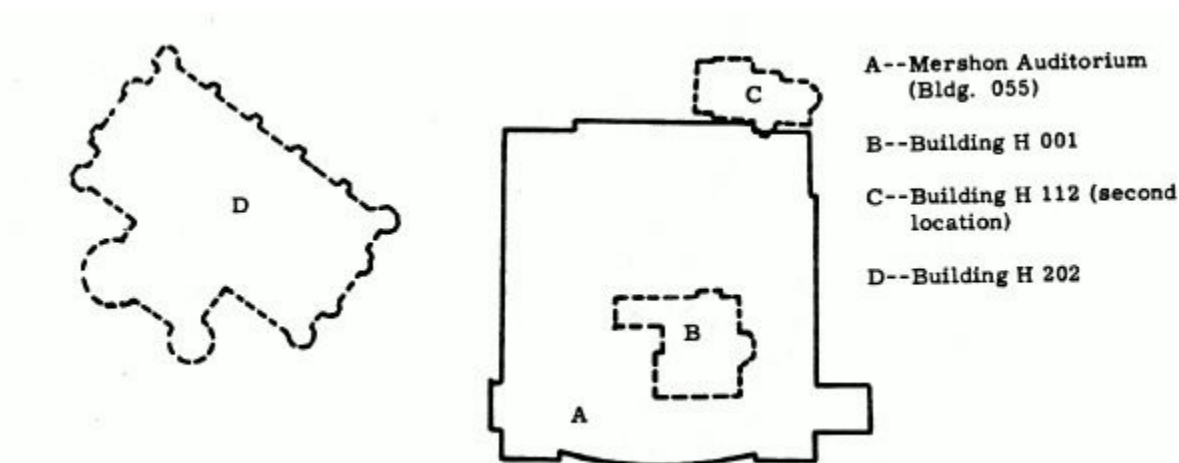
1.2.4 Music Building

See Addenda Nos. 1, 4, 5

### 2. Location

2.1 Located at the northwest corner of North High Street and West 15th Avenue, where Mershon Auditorium (Building 055) is now located. See sketch below. See also report for Building 055.

See Addendum No. 1



### 3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

Frame interior with brick exterior. Rubble limestone foundation (McC 1: 8A).

3.2 No. of stories:

Basement and two stories, except that an octagonal section of three stories is shown in many early photographs.

3.3 McCracken (1: 8A) reported that the building had 7,199 square feet of floor space, 64,271 cubic feet of volume and contained 18 rooms as of June 30, 1899. He uses the same figures for June 30, 1925 (McC 4: 7A).

## B. SIGNIFICANT DATES

1. Hooper (p. 211) quotes an account by the daughter of Joseph Strickler, a monument maker, who built the house. She states that the "plans were drawn before 1856," but she does not give the date of construction. She states that the house was sold by her father to "J. J. Rickly, the miller. "

McCracken (1: 8A) uses 1856 as the date of construction.

2. The house and the 10.58 acres on which it stood were transferred to the University by Rickly on February 7, 1871 (Deed Book, Vol. 103, p. 542).

3. The building was demolished during October and November of 1949 (M 41: 3 November 15, 1949).

See Addendum Nos. 2, 3

## C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The building served as the President's House until the new house (Building 959) was occupied in the summer of 1926.

2. During 1926-27 the building was remodeled for temporary use by the Department of Music (R 1926-27: 8) Music continued to use the building until Hughes Hall (Building 042) was completed in 1949.

## D. COST

McCracken reported the cost of the building at \$7,500 (McC 1: 8A). The house and the 10.58 acres on which it stood cost the University \$16,000 (Cope: 34).

## E. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 2746 (H 112 in background)  
X 7618 (H 112 in background)  
X 16275 (H 202 in background)

See Addendum No. 3

2. Other:

Cope: 52  
Hooper: 12  
McC 1: 31  
Columbus Dispatch, Magazine Section, December 6, 1970, p. 44

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August 25, 1972

### **ADDENDUM NO. 1**

The address of this building was 1873 North High Street.

The name "Music Hall" has been noted for this building.

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February 4, 1976

### **ADDENDUM NO. 2**

Cabinet awarded the contract for demolition of this building to the Foster Wrecking Company on October 10, 1949.

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May 28, 1976

### **ADDENDUM NO. 3**

Cabinet on August 22, 1935 authorized demolition of the garage.

Photograph X 2229 shows a barn, removed from this site, at its new location north of the original boiler house (H 100).

See Addendum No. 4

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August 5, 1977

### **ADDENDUM NO. 4**

In some records, the name "Rickly" is spelled "Rickley." Rickly's signature on the deed does not contain the "e."

The Board of Trustees on September 7, 1917 authorized the construction of a garage attached to the house. Presumably, this is the garage removed in 1925.

The barn referred to in Addendum No. 3 ts separately reported as H 103.

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October 5, 1979

## ADDENDUM NO. 5

Inspection of old campus maps reveals the following additional names for this building:

Music Annex

Music Hall No. 1

President's Residence, first

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November 10, 1979